

(or providence) is limited to their own relatives
 —a father
 caring for the family, and a chief for the tribe,
 which they
 respectively left behind them. They are
 believed to occupy
 the same relative position as they did in the body,
 the departed
 spirit of a chief being sometimes invoked to
 compel a man's
 ancestors to bless him." /

" To these shades of the dead, especially to the
 ghosts of sacrific
 their great men, as Jama, Senzangakona, and
 Chaka, their ^ ^ ra
 former kings, they look for help, and offer sacrifices ;
 that is, among
 slaughter cattle to them, and offer a sort of prayer, in
 time Zulus"
 of danger and distress. . . . When they are sick,
 they
 slaughter cattle to the shades, and say, ° Father, look
 on me,
 that this disease may cease from me. Let me have
 health
 on the earth, and live a long time/ They carry the
 meat
 into the house, and shut it up there, saying, ° Let the
 paternal
 shades eat, so shall they know that the offering
 was made
 for them, and grant us great wealth, so that both we
 and our
 children may prosper.' In the cattle-fold they talk a
 long
 time, praising the ghosts ; they take the contents of
 the
 stomach, and strew it upon all the fold. Again
 they take
 it, and strew it within the houses, saying, ° Hail, friend
 ! Thou
 of such a place, grant us a blessing, beholding what
 we have
 done. You see this distress ; may you remove it,
 since we
 have given you our animal. We know not what more
 you
 want, whether you still require anything more or
 not/ They
 say, ° May you grant us grain, that it may be
 abundant, that
 we may eat, of course, and not be In need of
 anything, since
 now we have given you what you want/ They say, *
 Yes,
 for a long time have you preserved me In all my

going.
Behold, you see, I have just come to have a kraal
This
kraal was built by yourself, father ; and now why do
you
consent to diminish your own kraal ? Build on us as
you
have begun, let it be large, that your offspring, still
here
above, may Increase, Increasing in knowledge of you,
whence
cometh great power/ Sometimes they make beer
for the
ghosts, and leave a little In the pot, saying, ' It will
be eaten
by the ghosts that they may grant an abundant
harvest
again, that we may not have a famine/ If one is on
the
point of being injured by anything, he says, ' I
was pre-

¹ Rev. J. Shooter, *op. cit.* p. 161.